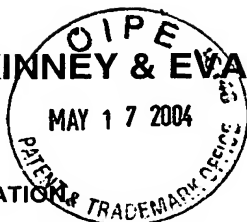


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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	20	20	0	\$18	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	3	3	0	\$86	\$0
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TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$0

An Extension of Time for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) is hereby requested under  
37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee for filing this extension is:

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**TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT**

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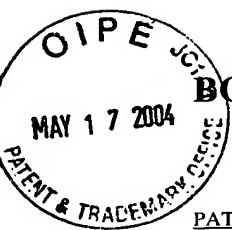
A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the total fee for this  
amendment is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.